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FROM A SURFACE OF A  
STRUCTURE  
Examiner : Maria Alexandra Elve

Group Art Unit 1725

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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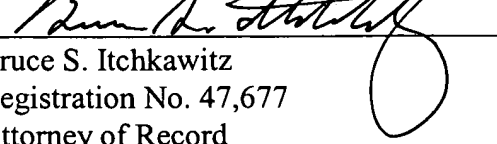
Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that all the limitations recited by the Examiner are not present in all of the claims.

To the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of a single feature, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement because it is the combination of features that makes the claims patentable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are allowable because each of the claims recites a combination of features that are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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